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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMAND AND STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATES

SUBJECT: The New Judge Advocate General's University

1. The new Judge Advocate General's University (JAGU) is operational. I suspect that many of you, and certainly most of our new judge advocates, legal administrators, and paralegals, are familiar with Blackboard (Bb), a commercial learning management system used extensively in higher education. As the platform for our new Distributed Learning (DL) system, Bb allows us to create, teach, manage and quickly update courses internally.
2. The first course being fielded on JAGU is the recently updated Reserve Component Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course (RCJAOBC). While enrollment in RCJAOBC is now by exception only, there are approximately 390 students still enrolled in the Army Institute for Professional Development (AIPD) version of OBC. Those students will be moved over to JAGU in the coming months.
3. The second course launched on JAGU will be the Judge Advocate Tactical Staff Officer Course (JATSOC). This 20-hour DL course is our response to the Army's elimination of CAS3. It will teach junior JAs the skills they need to effectively function on battalion and brigade staffs. The Training Developments Directorate at the Center will begin testing JATSOC in early June of this year, and should be available to the entire JAG Corps in September 2007. All graduating OBC students and JAs with 48 or fewer months of service will be required to take JATSOC. The course will also be available to all other JAG Corps personnel for refresher training or professional development.
4. Within nine months, the rest of our DL courses will be moved to JAGU. Our faculty has begun a comprehensive review of the Judge Advocate Officer Advanced Course (JAOAC) that will result in a completely redesigned course on JAGU. We plan to have the new version operational in the first quarter of FY 08. Other courses moving to JAGU include Pre-BNCOC, Pre-ANCOC, and the Pre-Appointment WOC. By the end of calendar year 2007, we expect to have 3,000 students enrolled in the new JAGU.
5. We are all working to ensure that our training and education reach the widest possible audience, an end state made more demanding by our operational pace and funding considerations. JAGU is part of the solution and will transform the way our Corps develops, delivers and manages training and education. Please ensure that your personnel take advantage of this invaluable training resource. COL Gregory Baldwin, Director, Training Developments Directorate, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, is the POC for JAGU inquiries. You may contact Gregg at gregory.baldwin@hqda.army.mil or telephone at 434-971-3241.

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